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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS WITH AUSTRIA: MOTOR VEHICLE SURTAX

REFS: (A) GENEVA 2376, (B) STATE 300939

1. THE AUSTRIAN REPLY QUOTED IN REF. A INDICATES SOME
CONFUSION OVER HOW U.S. IMPLEMENTED THE CONCESSION ON
SKI BOOTS QUOTED IN THE QTE AGREED MINUTES UNQTE OF MAY 1
AND JUNE 16, 1967.

2. THE AGREED MINUTES STATE THE ZERO RATE OFFERED WAS ON
SKI BOOTS EX TSUS 700.27 BASED ON 1964 U.S. IMPORTS FROM
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AUSTRIA IN THE AMOUNT OF U.S. DOLLARS 2,315,000. IN 1964
AND 1967 THAT LINE ITEM READ:

FOOTWEAR OF LEATHER: (EXCEPT FOOTWEAR WITH UPPER OF FIBER)

WELT FOOTWEAR:

700.27 VALUED OVER 6 DOLLARS AND 80 CENTS PER PAIR

FOR MEN, YOUTHS, AND BOYS:

SKI BOOTS

OTHER

FOR WOMEN AND MISSES:

SKI BOOTS

OTHER

OTHER.

3. IN ORDER TO CONFORM TO OUR AGREEMENT WITH THE GOA THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION CITED IN REF. B CREATED A NEW TSUS LINEITEM (700.28) CONTAINING ONLY SKI BOOTS (I.E., OF LEATHER VALUED OVER 6 DOLLARS AND 80 CENTS PER PAIR). THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED WAS TO REPLACE ALL OF ITEM 700.27 BY ITEMS 700.27, 700.28, 700.29 WITH SKI BOOTS AS CITED. THE TARIFF REDUCTION WAS STAGED OVER A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS REACHING THE ZERO RATE IN 1972. THUS THE VALUES QUOTED IN REF. B ARE THE RELEVANT ONES.

4. A CAREFUL READING OF PARA. 4 OF THE AUSTRIAN NOTE SUGGESTS THAT THE GOA IS TRYING TO ESTABLISH THAT THE U.S. DID NOT FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT BECAUSE THE REDUCED RATE WAS ON 700.28 NOT 700.27. PLEASE POINT OUT THAT THE TERM SKI BOOTS APPEARS IN THE TEXT OF THE MINUTES BUT THE TSUS NUMBER AND VALUE OF THE CONCESSION WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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ONLY PARENTHETICAL TO EXPLAIN MORE CLEARLY WHICH SKI BOOTS, AND THAT BOTH THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE AGREEMENT WERE MET.

5. THE DATA SUPPLIED IN PARA. 2 OF REF. B WERE FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND DO NOT EFFECT THE STATUS OF THE AGREED CONCESSION.
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